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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Noboru AIBA, et al.

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Art Unit: 3721

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Examiner: Taweik, S.

For: ANNULAR SUSTAINED RELEASE PHEROMONE DISPENSER AND ITS INSTALLATION TOOL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

--6. (Twice Amended) The method for preparing an annular sustained

release pheromone-dispenser as set forth in claim 9 wherein the plurality of plastic tubes are